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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Franz Haimerl

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Serial No. (To be Assigned)

) Examiner:

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For: Footwear With A Sealed Sole Construction
and Process for Its Production

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 2, line 36: Please add the following paragraphs:

a -- DE-A-38 40 263 discloses a similar shoe construction in which an overhang of an end of a functional layer on the outsole side protruding with respect to an end of the outer material on the outsole side is bridged by a sealing strip, in which the strip is a textile strip which has a polyurethane coating on one or both sides and is intended to bring about a sealing connection between the functional layer overhang and an edge of a moulded-on outsole covering the sealing strip. This solution is also restricted to shoes with a moulded-on outsole.

WO-A-9641548 discloses footwear with a moulded-on outsole in which an outer-material end region on the outsole side is folded over outward and an functional-layer-lining end region on the outsole side is folded over inward, the outer-material end region which is folded over folded over outward being securely sewn on a frame-shaped first insole and the functional-layer-lining end region which is folded over inward being arranged between the first insole and a second insole, located above the functional-layer-lining end region . The functional-layer-lining end region is adhesively bonded to the second insole by means of a sealing compound or adhesive tape coated with polyurethane hot-melt adhesive and to the second insole by means of an adhesive of a type not specified any more precisely.--